

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 8, 21, 34, and 42 as follows:

8. The process as defined in Claim 6 wherein:

said first pruning includes heading back [young stems] stems to less than about 50 cm. [from] above the ground;

said second pruning includes heading back stems with a [cut] crotch angle less than about 30° from the main stem of the plant to about 50 cm. [from] above the ground, heading back those stems between about 30° and about 70° from the main stem to the third bud from the stem tip;

said third pruning includes heading back stems with angles less than about 30° from the [vertical] main stem to about 50 cm. [from] above the ground, heading back the stems between about 30° and about 70° from the main stem to the third bud from the stem tip;

said fourth pruning includes heading back stems with angles between about 30° and about 70° from the main stem to the third bud from the stem tip.

21. The process as defined in claim 19 wherein:

said first pruning includes heading back [young stems] stems to less than about 50 cm. [from] above the ground;

said second pruning includes heading back stems with a [cut] crotch angle less than 30° from the main stem of the plant to about 50 cm. [from] above the ground, heading

6 back those stems between about 30° and about 70° from the main stem to the third bud from
7 the stem tip;

B³ 8 said third pruning includes heading back stems with angles less than 30° from
9 the [vertical] main stem to about 50 cm. [from] above the ground, heading back the stems
10 between about 30° and 70° from the main stem to the third bud from the stem tip;

11 said fourth pruning includes heading back stems with angles between about
12 30° and about 70° from the main stem to the third bud from the stem tip.

1 34. The process as defined in claim 32 wherein:

2 said first pruning includes heading back [young stems] stems to less than
3 about 50 cm. [from] above the ground;

4 said second pruning includes heading back stems with a [cut] crotch angle less
B⁴ 5 than 30° from the main stem of the plant to about 50 cm. [from] above the ground, heading
6 back those stems between about 30° and about 70° from the main stem to the third bud from
7 the stem tip;

8 said third pruning includes heading back stems with angles less than about 30°
9 from the [vertical] main stem to about 50 cm. [from] above the ground, heading back the
10 stems between about 30° and about 70° from the main stem to the third bud from the stem
11 tip;

12 said fourth pruning includes heading back stems with angles between about
13 30° and about 70° from the main stem to the third bud from the stem tip.